

I am deeply concerned with media ownership consolidation and the trend towards control by "single-minded" political and agenda driven corporations. The public airwaves and print media need to be diversified in opinions presented, content, and ownership. I am strongly in favor of some type of regulatory oversight that reasonably restricts monopoly and excessive consolidation of media. It is essential that "local" media/news organizations are not consumed by corporate conglomerates that have little more than "bottom line" profit-loss business concerns. Indeed, the free flow of multiple, diversified opinion and information, from multiple sources, is after all, the foundation of a truly informed citizenry, and has been what has always distinguished the United States from much of the rest of the world. I fear we are in danger of losing this most important foundation of our freedom. In addition, I believe it is very important to reinstitute the "fairness doctrine" in some form.